

## REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10-17, 19, 20, 22-26, 31 and 32 are pending. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 3-5, 7-8, 10-14 and 31 are allowed.

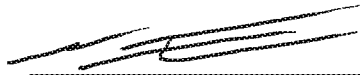
Claims 15-17, 19-20, 22-26 and 32 have been rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner stated essentially that the claims are directed to a computer program, without the computer-readable medium needed to realize the computer program's functionality.

Claims 15 and 32 have been amended to claim, *inter alia*, "A computer readable medium embodying instructions executable by a processor to perform method steps for communication between processing devices." Accordingly, Claims 15 and 32 and the respective dependent claims therefrom are believed to be directed to statutory subject matter. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the forgoing reasons, the application, including Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10-17, 19, 20, 22-26, 31 and 32, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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